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Photo Intelligence

After reading and viewing your articles and photographs of the Cuban situation in your magazine (AW Oct. 29 and Nov. 5), I wonder if the Russians haven't deliberately used our intelligence capability to their own advantage. Obviously they know we take photos. Obviously they take photos, such as missile bases in Italy. There apparently was no attempt to really hide the rockets. Now it appears as though the Russians have dutifully packed up and gone home. For what? To place "40" more rockets pointed at the countries that have our planes and missiles and say to those countries, "Look how those Americans behave when it appears their own homeland might be obliterated by our rockets instead of yours. Are you going to allow people like that to have bases on your land? And we do have rockets; just look at the hundreds of pictures the Americans have taken of them."

No better time could be picked for the missiles to be found in Cuba. News was "leaked" to the conservative politicians that they were there. I don't doubt that the Russians would have supplied photos themselves to put more pressure on the President to act during election time. It would be hard to make any other choice, even if it weren't election time.

When some future chess move is made and the gates to Berlin are shut, who among the people that live in the countries where we have our bases are going to say, "Let us and our children die for them?"

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